

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 63 are pending in this application. Claims 60 through 63, copied, substantially verbatim from U.S. Patent No. 5, 839, 307 issued on 24 November 1998 to Peter Field and Michael Lunpkin, are newly presented. Claim 40 defers from Claim 1 of the Field '307 patent by the addition of a comma in the preamble; Claim 61 is copied from dependent Claim 2 of Field '307; Claim 62 is copied from Claim 14 of Field '307, and the number of the locking members is changed to singular; and Claim 63 is copied verbatim from Claim 19 of Field '307.

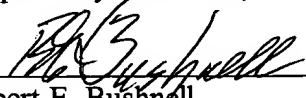
Applicant's Figs. 1-18, for example, disclose, *inter alia*, shell 102, cavity 102d, barrel 70, side bar 101g, cavity 102a (to the extent that this cavity is different from the cavity 102d referred to in line 2 of Claim 1 of Field '307), locking member 105, drive mechanism 105b and control means 104. Accordingly, all elements defined in newly added Claims 60 through 63, and all of the process steps defined in Claim 63 are found in Applicant's specification. Retrofitting is expressly disclosed on page 4, lines 16-18, for example, as well as in lines 8-11 on page 21 and lines 4-19 of page 18 of Applicant's original specification.

Should the Examiner desire to entertain a requirement for restriction, or alternatively, an election of species, the Examiner is requested to immediately telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

A fee of \$153.00 (**SMALL ENTITY**) is incurred by addition of three (3) independent claims in excess of 8 and four (4) claims in excess of 59. Applicant's checks (**Check #33509**) drawn to the order of Commissioner accompanies this Amendment. Should the check become lost, should other fees be incurred, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fees.

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, withdraw the objections and/or rejections and pass the application to issue in view of the above amendments and/or remarks. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's attorney.

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